

# ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Camera apparatus and a method of taking a picture are provided, dissolving inconvenience which a user of the camera will meet when taking a picture of him or her. The camera has a provisional photographing mode and a real photographing mode. In the provisional photographing mode, a human model image is displayed on a through image G2 in an overlapping manner on a monitor, and the user moves the human model image to his or her desired position in the through image and records in a memory composition indicating image G4 representing the conditions of the through image with the human model image staying at the user's desired position. After the provisional photographing process, the through image G2 is synthesized with the composition indicating image G4 in a semi transparent manner, and the synthesized image G5 is displayed on the monitor in place of the through image. When a shutter is operated, a normal photographing process is performed to record a photographed image. When the user asks a third person to take a picture of him or her, the user performs the provisional photographing process and then asks the third person to take a picture. The third person operates the shutter at the time when the through image G2 overlaps with the composition indicating image G4, and then a picture of the composition the user intended is obtained.